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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 9/15/2011 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues Kamizono fails to explicitly teach a keyboard configured to cause a first function to be performed on activation of the key by the user's right hand, and a second function to be performed if activated by the user's left hand. Applicant points to col 7 lines 3-23, stating Kamizono clearly teaches two separate sets of keys, and that the keys are merely active or inactive depending upon the sensor. Examiner agrees this is how Kamizono is working, however the functions claimed by applicant are broad and unnamed, thus the deactivation of a key by Kamizono can read upon the first or second function of the claims.

Secondly, applicant argues that Williams doesn't teach detecting which hand is used to activate the key, merely an orientation sensor. However, Williams teachings are directed to detecting which hand is using the pen device and therefore which hand will be more likely to enter in the key input and changing the key input accordingly. The "orientation" sensors of Williams can thus be read upon the motion sensors which detect right-to-left or left-to-right movement of the apparatus and used to determine which hand will be used. As noted in Col 3 lines 30-35, the entire device is designed to be used with one hand only at a time, thus determining which hand is holding the device, inherently determines which of the user's hands is considered to activate the keys.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RANDAL WILLIS whose telephone number is (571)270-1461. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday, 8am to 4pm (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amr Awad can be reached on 571-272-7764. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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